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MAY 28, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEMS

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS
APPLY

CSCE STATUS REPORT: TENSIONS MOUNTED LAST WEEK AS EAST AND WEST FACED OFF OVER THE WESTERN GLOBAL INITIATIVE TO CONCLUDE WORK ON HUMAN CONTACTS AND INFORMATION, AND THE SOVIETS OFFERED SOME FURTHER MINOR FLEXIBILITY ON CDM PARAMETERS IN RETURN FOR MOVEMENT TOWARD THEIR VOLUNTARY BASIS CONCEPT. DESPITE THE SOVIETS' EVIDENT ANXIETY AND THEIR OBVIOUS INTEREST IN FINDING SOLUTIONS IN THESE SUBJECT AREAS, HOWEVER, THEIR SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS REMAINED VERY CLOSE TO WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN FOR MANY MONTHS, A FACT WHICH LED MOST WESTERN AND NEUTRAL DELEGATIONS TO CONCLUDE THAT A STAGE III IN JULY WOULD BE MOST DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, TO ACHIEVE WITHOUT A MAJOR WESTERN RETREAT. THE ONLY THING WHICH COULD NOW PULL IT OUT FOR THE SOVIETS IS A SERIES OF REALLY SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS ON THEIR PART IN THESE KEY SUBJECT AREAS, AND THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT SUCH A SHIFT IS IN THE OFFING. AT THE SAME TIME, THE SOVIETS HAVE CONTINUED TO ESCALATE THEIR UNPLEASANT AND SOMETIMES OFFENSIVE PRESSURE TACTICS, TRYING TO DIVIDE THE WEST AND INTIMIDATE THE WEAKER WESTERN DELEGATIONS. WHETHER THE NATO GROUP CAN MAINTAIN ITS SOLIDARITY IN THIS SITUATION IS STILL A MAJOR QUESTION MARK, AND THE U.S. DELEGATION IS WORKING HARD TO KEEP THE CAUCUS TOGETHER. (GATES)

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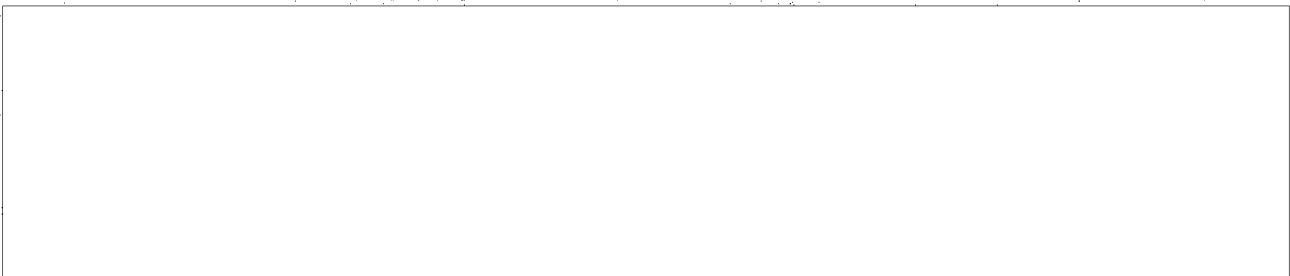
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